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Better Paper

# The Century Voice

With Justice To All  
And  
Malice Toward None

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## THE CENTURY VOICE TO OFFER \$50 SCHOLARSHIP

### Well Established Firms Give Century Voice Contract For One Year's Advertisement

### PROMINENT PHARMACIST CONGRATULATES THE CENTURY VOICE

The day has come. Long years ago our grandfathers told us the day would come when an education would be man's most essential possession. Back there a farmer could get along very well without knowing how to read or write but today every farmer receives mail from the Agriculture Department, requesting this and the other, various forms to be filled; if he can't read and write now, he must be constantly embarrassed by asking some one else to do it for him. Not only the farmer, but people in every walk of life are meeting problems which require some degree of education to solve. We are having to register, before we can sit down to a full meal at our own tables, we have to know the stamp 17 in our ration book before we can get a pair of new shoes—these and countless other things demand that we know. Living in this period of time, we should strive to know, we should take every available opportunity to know. So often we do not accept chances that come to us.

Across the top of this page in big letters is a chance for some boy or girl. A chance to help him or her know more. The Century Voice is offering a FIFTY DOLLAR (\$50.00) scholarship to any boy or girl who sends in the highest number of paid subscriptions over one hundred (100) by the 15th of August, 1943. This scholarship is not limited to any special school; it may be used to enter any school desired by the winner. The contest is open to any boy or girl regardless of where he or she is located. Your chance begins the day you notify The Century Voice, Box 495, Yazoo City, Mississippi that you wish to enter the contest.

All you have to do to enter the contest is to write your name and address on a postal card, stating that you wish to enter the contest. Your name will be registered and subscription blanks will be sent, together with self-addressed envelopes for mailing your subscriptions, as subscriptions must be mailed by the 10th of each month so that subscribers will receive papers.

#### CENTURY OFFICE COMPLETELY REMODELED

The Century Burial Home Office which was destroyed by fire several weeks ago, has been neatly remodeled. This office is now one of the prettiest in the state. The interior of the building has been plastered and calcimined and the ceiling is decorated with celotex beaver board which makes a beautiful showing. The show room has been refurnished and will be one of the best stocked show rooms that can be found in funeral home business. A new heating system is being installed which will keep the office at the proper temperature at all times.

The Century Burial Association is keeping pace with modern demands; doing everything that it can to give the public the best service. The building will be occupied by February 21, 1943, and the public is cordially invited to stop in at any time.

#### CENTURY BURIAL BRANCH HEADS MEET IN YAZOO CITY

A meeting of all Century Burial Branch Managers was recently held here. They were called here to discuss vital issues pertaining to the Association, especially during this war period. The meeting was held at the home of Mr. Huddleston and the Managers answered to their names one hundred per cent. All of them pledged full cooperation to the program and showed a willingness to take all necessary precautions to preserve the rolling stock. They were served a good home cooked dinner and left determined to keep the Century Burial Association in the lead of all others.

#### NOTICE

Century Burial Members' contracts do not provide for telephone calls and when there is a death to be reported, the expense of calling must be paid by the person who makes the call. Please be governed by this notice that service will not be delayed.

#### COMPLIMENTARY LETTER

Prominent Pharmacist congratulates The Century Voice.  
T. J. Huddleston, Jr.,  
Editor and Manager  
The Century Voice  
Yazoo City, Mississippi,  
Dear T. J.:

I have been reading with interest copies of your publication, The Century Voice, and I wish to congratulate you and your associates on the fine way in which you are getting out your Monthly Journal.

I believe that your paper is of great interest and benefit to the colored people all over this State and that the work which you are doing will get splendid results.

With every good wish for the continued success of your excellent publication, I am,

Yours very truly,  
CARRS DRUG STORE,  
By H. G. Carr.

#### IN BUSINESS 28 YEARS

Since 1915 Webers Economy Grocery has been solving the grocery problems in Yazoo City homes. Weber's has enjoyed an uninterrupted business and has kept on hand at all times fresh fruits and vegetables, the best food products and choice meats. Let Weber's help you decide your next meal. Weber's well kept store is located on West Broadway Street, Yazoo City, Miss.

#### SPEAKS AT YAZOO HIGH SCHOOL NO. 2

In observance of Negro History Week, Principal N. D. Taylor of Yazoo High School No. 2, invited Mr. T. J. Huddleston to speak to the student body.

We receive a wealth of inspiration from the great heroes and heroines of the past, but it cannot be compared to that received by those who sat at the feet and under the voice of them while they lived. Mr. Huddleston is making history and who could fail to recognize the truth in whatever he said as to the possibilities of the Negro or doubt the courage and endurance of those who have passed on, when they have before them a living example of greatness. Those who sat under the voice of Mr. Huddleston enjoyed a great privilege. The next generation will wonder could it have been possible for one man to accomplish so much, but those of us who live with him have a personal knowledge and experience which is more than any book can give.

Although Mr. Huddleston spoke in all seriousness, he put enough pep and amusement into his message to sway the student body as well as entertain the visitors who were present. It goes without saying that Mr. Huddleston is a natural born speaker as well as a natural born organizer. The editor of the Century Voice, Mr. T. J. Huddleston, Jr., was also present and greeted the students.

#### IN THE BULLETIN

##### WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR:

The Highest Reporting Agents For The Month  
DISTRICT MEETING DATES  
TOTAL NUMBER OF CENTURY DEATHS  
AGENT WHO WRITES THE LARGEST NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE MONTH  
AGENT WHO MAKES THE HIGHEST INCREASE IN REMITTANCE DURING THE MONTH  
LEADING DISTRICT MEETING REPORTS  
NEW SUBSCRIBERS  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

#### IMPORTANT TO ALL SUBSCRIBERS

Do you know of any subscriber who does not receive his or her paper? The Century Voice is a monthly paper. It is published only once each month with no set date of delivery. During the war period, the scarcity of labor has slowed everything down and if your paper is late reaching you, just be patient, your copy will be on the way before the month is out. We have asked those who solicit subscriptions to be sure to send in the correct address of each subscriber and if your paper does not come before a month is out, please send us a card stating same and giving your correct address. We are asking that you please also pass this information on to those whom you know fail to get their papers. In sending your address, always give the name of the person taking your subscription.

#### SIR P. M. SMITH VISITS CENTURY OFFICE

Sir P. M. Smith, Chief Grand Mentor of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor, of Mound Bayou, Miss., stopped in at the Century Burial office en route to Jackson, Miss. Fortunately, Mr. T. J. Huddleston, Founder and Custodian of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters and owner of the Century Burial Association, was present. The two fraternal heads had a happy time talking of their like experiences. Sir Smith was carried through the Century Voice office and was so highly pleased he took a professional subscription of \$1.00 to The Century Voice. He also inspected the Century Burial Office which was undergoing repairs from a recent fire. Before leaving he left one of their beautiful calendars for which we are highly appreciative.

#### VISITS HOME AFTER 30 YEARS

Mrs. Mattie Clark, of Lexington, Kentucky, formerly of this city is here visiting relatives and renewing old acquaintances after having been gone for thirty years. Mrs. Clark was agreeably surprised to find that "home" had improved so much since she was here. Although a number of her acquaintances have gone in various directions, those who are here are delighted to see her and she is finding much joy and pleasure in being at home again. She left Kentucky for a thirty day visit which will soon be over to the regret of relatives and friends. She is the daughter of Mrs. Elether Guice, sister of Mrs. T. J. Huddleston, Jr., Mr. George Guice, Mr. W. C. Guice, and Mr. Wardell Guice. She is dividing her time with these relatives.

#### IN LOVING MEMORY

OF MR. ED JOHNSON, WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE  
FEBRUARY 12, 1938

Dear father has gone and left us, of course he could not stay. It has been sadly in our hearts ever since he passed away. A precious father from us is gone.  
A voice we loved is stilled.  
A place is vacant in our home,  
That never can be filled.

Sadly missed by—

Mrs. Lizzie Johnson (Wife)  
Charlie Johnson (Son)  
Edna Johnson Rasco (Daughter)  
Ethel Johnson Taylor (Daughter)  
and Family

#### INCREASED AD SPACE

Barnwell & Barbour, Insurance Agents, one of Yazoo City's oldest business, not only gave a year around advertisement to The Century Voice, but also increased the ad space. This firm has been in business for over 48 years and offers only the best in insurance protection.

Expenses will not count; the world wants results! The Century Voice has not marked time, but each month has made unbelievable progress. It has gone throughout Mississippi and many other states in the United States, and those who have contributed to its success and who are contributing to its success have received and will receive their reward.

From time to time we have carried advertisements of some of our most outstanding business firms. It has not been enough to contact these busy men and ask them to carry an ad with us; we have had to make it our special duty to see that their ads brought them results. The test of our efforts to make these ads beneficial has been shown by the fact that many of the cities most reputable firms have given us contracts to carry their ad each month for the period of one year; these firms are:

Ingram Shoe Store, H. L. White Lumber Yard, Joe Bush Cleaners, Kash and Karry, A. M. Kirk, mechanic, L. C. Steward's Meat Market, Ross's Service Station, Wise Brothers, Matthews Garage, C. L. Saunders, cleaners, Weber's Economy Grocery, Triplett's Grocery, Carr's Drug Store, R. M. Middleton & Son, Yazoo Hardware, Barnwell and Barbour, Byrds Barber Shop, Friendly Service Station, Clarksdale, Frances & Lusky, Nashville, Tenn.; Madam Mae Vicksburg; Sanders Grocery, Brick Yard Hill, Black & White Store, Yazoo City. There are many others who give us ads from time to time for which we appreciate.

We are urgently asking our readers to patronize our advertisers for quality and courteous service.

#### BOY SCOUTS IN SCRAP DRIVE

The colored scouts of Yazoo City have entered wholeheartedly into the all-out effort to win the war. After helping collect rubber and scrap iron, they started a house-to-house canvass to gather waste kitchen fats and tin cans. When a Boy Scout calls at your home, encourage him and help make our effort help our youngsters gain the benefits of Scouting by doing whatever he asks you. Remember this: He must earn all of his own money, and you can and must help him do so.

On March 3 at 8 p. m. all parents and friends of Scouts are asked to be present at the Court of Honor to be held at the Matkin Center. An excellent program, including a moving picture on Scouting, will be presented. Mr. Shelly Price, district Scout Executive, and Mr. N. S. Adams, local Scoutmaster, will be present. Come out and see what your boys are doing.

#### SPECIAL AGENTS

A few days ago, we asked ten persons to send in ten subscriptions for this issue of the paper. This was a special request and those we selected were to be our special agents for the month of February. We regret we cannot list the names, one hundred percent, but the following persons cooperate with the request and are therefore the "SPECIAL AGENTS" for the Century Voice for February:

Mr. J. E. Johnson, Dobbinsville, Miss., 10; Mr. Henry Pickett, Vaughan, Miss., 10; Mr. G. F. West, Natchez, Miss., 10; Mr. Will Davis, Chambers, Miss., 10; Mrs. Jessie Mae Thomas, Ackerman, Miss., 10.

We wish to thank these five persons for their cooperation. We shall select ten others for our "Specials" for the next issue.

#### PASSED

Mrs. Mariah White passed away, January 27, 1943, after several months' illness at the home of her sister, Mrs. Maggie Smith, of Craig, Miss. Mrs. White was a member of S. Paul Methodist Church from which her funeral was attended by the pastor, Rev. Stephens. She was from the Woolfolk family, pioneers of that church and community. A host of relatives and friends are left to mourn her passing. Funeral arrangements were in charge of The Century Burial Association.